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Enjoying the sunshine in Yuma

On one hand, we have lost a charter member – Earl Bauer. May you be resting in peace Deputy Earl. He was one of our 26 charter members along with his lovely wife Nancy who survives him. He



was a great member of our club and a very kind man who will not be forgotten. The club must have been important to Earl and Nancy as at Earl's memorial service there were pictures of Earl and Nancy with their trailer and their dangles were on display with some of his other personal effects.

On the other hand, if you have not heard, Greg's surgery was completed on Tuesday, March 22 and the surgery was a success. There is no more aneurysm. Everything went well and as planned. They didn't even have to go to plan B. We hope that Greg heals very quickly. We are all looking forward for Greg and Jennifer to join us as soon as possible.

Keep on RVing,
Dave

Recent Outings

The Palms RV Resort, Yuma, AZ

January 16-23,

Chuck & Arlys Rogers, Wagon Masters

Five rigs had a super time in Yuma January 16-23, 2011. Two of the group came in early and spent the month of January at The Palms RV Resort. The Palms is a new 5 star RV resort and has many amenities. However the administration/management did leave a bit to be desired. Larry and Max Kochie arrived on January 1 for the month. Murl and Jane Poynter arrived a few days later after spending time in frozen Kentucky during the illness and passing of Jane's brother. The Poynters also stayed to the end of January.



Social Time in Yuma



Exploring Mining history



**Good Food at Julieanna's

Lodi



Master Chefs at Work

John and Janice Saylor, John and Shirley Watson, and Howard and Cathy Stohlman arrived on January 16 for the week and departed on January 23. John Watson's parents, Pat and Bob, accompanied John and Shirley. The Poynters and Kochies hosted an arrival Happy Hour with snacks and Da Boys pizza at their rigs after all had arrived. A proposed schedule of events was presented for the coming week.



On Tuesday, everyone went to the Castle Dome Mining Museum about 30 miles north of Yuma. A family has gathered remaining buildings and other memorabilia and set up a "ghost town" to preserve the history of the Castle Dome Silver mines. After touring the ghost town, the group enjoyed a picnic lunch at the museum. After lunch, the group then took a walking tour of several of the old mines located on the property.

On Wednesday, the Rogers hosted a Happy Hour and chili feed at their house in the Foothills. The group was entertained by Chuck's barbershop quartet during the evening. A good time was had by all. On Thursday, the group went to Julieanna's Café and Restaurant (a longtime landmark in Yuma) for a very nice meal and enjoyed seeing the parrots that are kept outside for viewing by the patrons.



The group had a very good time in Yuma visiting the various market places ("flea markets") as well as trips to Mexico for shopping, dental and other venues. Several folks toured the Yuma area and also played golf. This year the weather was outstanding. The temperatures were in the mid 70's and low 80's the entire week. The winds were mostly light and we had no dust storms or rain this outing. Since folks were going their own ways, no business meeting was held.

Flag City RV Park, Lodi

February 3-5

Ken & Yvonne Collins, Wagon Masters

The Gold Country Travelers camped at Flag City RV Resort in Lodi February 3-5, 2011. The outing was hosted by Ken and Yvonne Collins who entertained with a patriotic "Red White and Blue" theme and held a "Scavenger Hunt" for weekend activity.

The hosts arrived on Thursday along with Ken and Vivienne Ha, Dave and Marsha Lee, Rich and Virginia Lee. Dick LaVergne settled in on Friday (with his pet "IHOP") we also had guests on Saturday, former members Jan and Barb Parsley.



Patriotic Spread

Bodega Bay



Friday everyone enjoyed the lasagna dinner provided by the hosts, after which the games started. Ken and Yvonne provided "surprise" door prizes for everyone, wrapped in boxes or brown bags. Amazing how there were enough decorative cookie jars to be sure each rig went home with at least one among their door prizes. My favorite was the Pillsbury Doughboy.

Saturday after the delicious potluck dinner, the prizes were awarded for the "Scavenger Hunt" which again proved to be a roaring success. Each participant received a gold medal, with Marsha Lee winning first place. It was also good to visit with Jan and Barb again who stayed to enjoy dinner and activities.

Sunday morning we had a good breakfast, which always turns out more than just the 'continental' type it seems. So after a full weekend of sightseeing, yard-sale hopping, wine-tasting tours, or just relaxing by some, it again was time to give out hugs until the next meeting.

--Ken and Yvonne Collins

Bodega Bay, March 17-20
Dave & Marsha Lee, Wagon Masters

Wednesday, March 16, Dick LaVergne, Dave and Marsha arrived at Bodega Bay RV Park and got setup without getting soaked by the rain.

Thursday, 13 more rigs arrived and the campout was on! Since the weather was not the greatest, set up was not as pleasant as it had been on Wednesday. Most people sat and visited and got set up for the weekend.



Friday, the last rig arrived which brought the total number of rigs to 16. Friday night we all went to dinner at Brisas del Mar and had a great dinner. After dinner, some campers headed back to their rigs and others went to the club house.

At the club house some visited and others played 31. The last 2 players in 31 were Richard and Virginia Lee with Richard coming out the victor. There was way too much rain to consider a fire even though Bryce brought plenty of wood.

During the weekend folks went to Bodega Bay and shopped and ate lunch and did wine tasting. Spud Point still has great crab sandwiches and clam chowder. Others found a home show to go to. Some visited and spent time outside when the rain stopped. Howard Hitt even found a pearl in his oyster omelet at the tides.

On Saturday ingredients were put together for the stew so that it could simmer most of the day. Wonderful appetizers were enjoyed on Saturday evening and before dinner we had our "meeting". Then we had stew, rolls, homemade bread and salads for dinner. Even though we had lots to eat, we made room for fantastic desserts. After dinner we cleaned up the club house and everyone headed back to their rigs. Not enough people were interested in 31 and it was raining pretty hard outside.

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There was a lot of wonderful homemade dished Saturday night. Anyone willing to share their recipes please send them to John Saylor or Marsha. Marsha will get them to John for the next newsletter and web site.



Our Sunday breakfast was cancelled and our "meeting" was moved to Saturday due to the weather forecast and possible road closures. This gave everyone plenty of time to get going on Sunday morning.

Sunday morning (after lots of wind and rain during the night), everyone left early because of bad weather. Some roads were closed and downpours were reported on highway 80, but everyone seemed to be OK.

Upcoming 2011 Outings

Apr 7-10 - [Angels Camp](#)
Murl & Jane Poynter,
Wagon Masters

May 19-22 - [Petaluma - Salute to American Graffiti](#) -
Howard & Judy Hitt Wagon Masters

June 16-19 - [Durango](#) RV Resort
Ken & Cricket
Wagon Masters

July 19-22 - [Olema Resort](#) - [Details](#)
Scott & Christy Nyland,
Wagon Masters

Aug - [Lawsons Landing](#)
Dillon Beach,
Dave & Marsha Lee,
Wagon Masters

Sept 22-25 - [Marina Dunes](#)
Jack & Betty Diggins,
Wagon Masters

Oct 20-23- [Almond Tree RV Park](#)
in Chico,
Bob & Jo-Ann Kuhlman,
Wagon Masters.

Nov. 10-13 - [The Garlic Farm, Gilroy](#)
John & Janice Saylor,
Wagon Masters

Dec 3 - Christmas Party,
Logan's Road House
Cooper-Watkins

Meeting Minutes

There were no official meeting for January & February.

Gold Country Traveler's
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 19, 2011

President Dave Lee called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM. He welcomed everyone.

The following guests were introduced:

Fernandez's friends – Loran and Kay from Sonoma and Ed and Chris from Ukiah

Diggins' friends – Rob and Ruth from Santa Rosa

Hitt's brother and sister-in-law – Gary and Linda

Poynter's friends – Larry and Maxine

Due to weather, the Sunday morning breakfast will not be held so that everyone can leave when they want to avoid weather problems and to allow for going around roads closed due to flooding.

Greg Leard will have surgery on his aneurysm on Tuesday, March 22 in San Francisco by a surgeon from UCSF. Dave asked that we all keep Greg and Jennifer in our thoughts and prayers. He is expected to be in the hospital for 5 days and then recovery at home will be about 2 months.

Dave read Earl Bauer's obituary. He passed away March 8. The club made a donation to Fremont Presbyterian Church in his name and is sending a card to his wife Nancy.

Dave announced that Highway 1 was closed passed Valley Ford and suggested alternate routes home.

Next upcoming outings were discussed by the wagon masters.

The Poynter's discussed the [April 7-10 outing at Angels Camp](#). Ten rigs have signed up and there are two maybes.

[May 19-22 is at the Petaluma KOA](#) and Judy and Howard Hitt are wagon masters. Everyone is to make their own reservations. They have a lot of fun stuff planned.

The Couser's have the [June 16-19 outing at Durango RV Resort](#) in Red Bluff. They are taking sign ups.

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Due to popularity, Dick LaVergne discussed the April 19-21, 2012 outing at the Porto Bodega which is right on Bodega Harbor. He is taking signups for that outing now.

Clean up of the club house will be after dinner and we will not be using the club house on Sunday morning.

Dave asked for volunteers for wagon masters for 2012 for the months of May, February, March, May, July, September, October and November. After the meeting Richard and Virginia Lee volunteered for May 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Lee



Vintage Camping in Glacier National Park - 1933

Upcoming Outings



April 7-10
Angels Camp RV Park
Muri & Jane Poynter, Wagon Masters

It's all set. Get your last minute reservations in. Sounds like a fun weekend in the Gold Country with good food, a theater play and more.

Contact: jpoynter@pacbell.net or call (530) 304-6571

May 19-22 Petaluma
Salute to American Graffiti
Howard & Judy Hitt, Wagon Masters



**Come one and all, Join Howard & Judy for a fun filled weekend at the Salute to American Graffiti. Early reservations are required for this weekend Contact Howard or Judy ASAP to reserve a spot.
Contact: howardhitt@wavecable.com (916)315-8844**



June 16-19 - Durango RV Park, Red Bluff
Ken & Cricket Couser, Wagon Masters

**Join us for a fun weekend at a premiere RV Resort
email: gldcricket@softcom.net (916) 967-7404**

Thirteen Notable Dates in RV History

- ca. 1901: The first motor homes are built as special-order units by auto body builders.
- 1907: Henry Ford introduces the first mass-produced Model T Fords, automobiles with a 2.9-liter, four-cylinder engine that make auto camping affordable for most Americans for the first time.
- 1910–15: The first manufactured, mass-produced RVs—folding camping trailers—start coming off the line from Los Angeles Trailer Works, Auto-Kamp Trailers in Saginaw, Michigan, and other pioneers.
- 1917: The first fifth-wheel trailer is built by airplane manufacturer Curtiss-Wright; its name probably originated from the trailer hitch, which is located in the center of the towing truck's bed and could be considered a "fifth" wheel after the four on the bottom of the trailer unit.
- 1919: The [Tin Can Tourists](#) (still active today!) gather for their first rally, in a Florida campground near Tampa called DeSoto Park, with 20 members present, most of them Model T owners; by the mid-1930s, the club numbered 150,000.
- 1922: Fifteen million auto campers hit the road, according to the New York Times, most of them sleeping on cots, in tents, or in "newfangled houses on wheels."
- 1923: There are 7,000 free campgrounds in the United States, including Denver's Overland Park, with 800 campsites, piped water, a garage, restaurant, beauty shop, billiards hall, soda fountain, and eight electric washing machines.
- 1926: Fords equipped with Weidman Camp Bodies are first produced in Tonawanda, New York; the 1929 model sells for \$1,900.
- 1962: John Steinbeck publishes *Travels with Charley* about his RV journey around America with his elderly poodle.
- 1966: Winnebago becomes the first mass-production motor home assembly line, turning out its early models (with moldings above the windshield that resembled eyebrows) in lengths of 17, 19, and 22 feet.

- 1966: David Garvin begins selling RV parts and camping accessories at his family's campground in Bowling Green, Kentucky; by 1993, his chain of Camping World stores (which he calls "Toys 'R' Us for grown-ups") has become the world's largest retailer of camping supplies with 78 stores, 10 million mail order catalogs distributed annually, and a sales base of \$150 million.
- 1967: Charles Kuralt rents a Dodge motor home to begin broadcasting "On the Road," his famous series of CBS-TV news features that brought small-town Americans and their stories into the living rooms of people everywhere. During his 27 years on the road, Kuralt used six different motor homes; the last, a 29-foot FMC motor coach, is in the Henry Ford Museum near Detroit.
- 1976: Winnebago Industries introduces the Heli-Home, a helicopter camper for off-road exploration that could sleep six; ...note it's no longer included in their published brochures.

Recipes

Here are two recipes from Dick LaVerne's cousin Judy. They were served at the August outing.

Poor Man's Liver Paté

INGREDIENTS:

- 1- large Liverwurst Roll
- 1- 8oz. pkg. Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 2-3 T. Mayonnaise
- 1 C. finely chopped Walnuts

PREPARATION:

Unwrap Liverwurst and place standing on end on a plate in freezer for 10-15 minutes. Meanwhile with a wooden spoon, cream the Philadelphia Cream Cheese to soften, adding enough mayonnaise to find a creamy consistency. Remove Liverwurst from freezer. Stand on end on cutting board and using a table knife, coat the roll from bottom to top, turning as you do to cover entire outer rim of the roll (not the ends) with about a ¼" thick layer of cream cheese. Spread chopped nuts onto cutting board and roll the Liverwurst roll in the chopped nuts to completely cover the cream cheese layer. Wrap roll in plastic wrap and then in foil and refrigerate until ready to serve with your favorite cracker or toasted baguet.

Mini Spinach Quiches To Go

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cans (8 oz each) Pillsbury refrigerated garlic butter crescent dinner rolls (8 rolls each)
- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- 1 box (9 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, squeezed to drain (or 2-5oz. pkg. fresh baby spinach-wilt and chop to measure about 1½ - 2 C. chopped - then squeeze to drain)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 oz)

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 16 (2 3/4x1 1/4-inch) muffin cups with cooking spray. Separate each can of crescent dough into 8 triangles. Separate the triangles and place widest part of each triangle into center of muffin cup and press into bottom and up sides of cup leaving some of the tails hanging out, but covering cup - doesn't have to be perfect, just so can hold filling.

In large bowl, cream cheese until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in onion, spinach, salt and pepper until well mixed. Fold in cheese. Spoon filling into each cup to the top with egg mixture (do not overfill).

Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until edges of rolls are golden brown. Remove from pan. Serve warm.

Note: The recipe is to use in 16 cup regular size muffin tin; I bought 3 cans dough and trimmed triangles a bit to fit into 24 cup mini muffin tin. There is plenty filling to fill a 24 cup mini muffin tin.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries This Past Quarter

Happy Birthday to:

Lee, Richard	8-Jan
Couser, Ken	23-Jan
Diggins, Betty	7-Feb
Diggins, Jack	10-Feb
Couser, Cricket	15-Feb
Fernandez, Ed	20-Feb
Saylor, John	22-Feb
Nyland, Christy	23-Feb
Cooper, Roberta	6-Mar
Kuhlman, Jo-Ann	10-Mar
Saylor, Janice	15-Mar
Puthuff, John	18-Mar
Rogers, Chuck	19-Mar
Bilheimer, Carol	31-Mar

Happy Anniversary to:

Harris, Aaron & Carmen	22-Jan
Puthuff, John & Karen	30-Jan
Saylor, John & Janice	30-Mar

Editor's Notes

Past newsletters are achieved on the "[NEWS](#)" tab on the club website.

Newsletter Deadlines – For this year I plan on starting the newsletter during the third week of the 3rd month of each quarter. So for the first quarter please have all articles for publication to me by March 21, the 2nd quarter by June 20, third quarter by September 20 and 4th quarter by December 20.

Wagon Masters - Please send the stories of your campout soon after it is over to John Saylor (jsaylor@surewest.net)

2011 Rosters

The 2011 rosters were distributed to those attending the Bodega Bay outing. The remaining will be mailed.

Website

Thanks to all who send pictures for the website. Also please send me info on your upcoming outing and I will add the details to the Outing calendar. Don't forget to send in your favorite camp recipes and those tech tips.

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